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The New York Herald wants Ambassador Bayard to resign. The Herald also wants Cleveland elected President for a third term. It's wishes, however, are not likely to be granted in either case.

The South has no candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, but the crop of Republican aspirants in this section for the Vice-Presidency is unusually large and promising. Governor Bradley, of Kentucky, however, seems to be in the lead.

The bill of Delegate Powell in the Virginia legislature to prevent lynching in this State is a good one. The section punishing the lawyer for the defense, when he assails by word or act the woman in the case, if her previous character has been good, is especially commendable.

JUDGING by the number of bills already introduced in the State legislature for the repeal or the amendment of the Walton law, something towards the removal of the objectionable features of that obnoxious measure will in all probability be done during the present session.

THE apparent disposition of the Navy Department to discriminate against the Newport News Shipbuilding Company in the matter of awarding two contracts for the construction of two new battleships is not very pleasant for Virginians to contemplate, and not very encouraging to Southern enterprise. The company has made the lowest bid, its facilities for doing the work as specified are ample and in all fairness and justice it should be awarded the contracts. The excuses for holding back the award are not at all satisfactory.

## REV. W. F. HAMNER.

The transfer of Rev. W. F. Hamner from the Baltimore to the Memphis conference of the M. E. Church, South, is a severe loss to the Maryland and Virginia branch of that great religious organization, as well as a great gain to the conference that secures his efficient and valuable services.

Mr. Hamner came to this city in 1890 to take the place as pastor of Greene Memorial Church made vacant by the appointment of Rev. Collins Denny to a position on the faculty of Vanderbilt University tendered him soon after his transfer from the University of Virginia to the church in this city.

Coming here from Memphis, Tenn., a stranger, personally, to the clergy of the Baltimore conference and to the congregation over which he had been called upon to preside, but with splendid recommendations from the officials and flock of his former field of labor, it was only a short time before Mr. Hamner had won the love and devotion of his congregation and the esteem and respect of every citizen of Roanoke with whom he came in contact.

His manner was frank and cordial, but wholly unaffected, and his preaching was argumentative, eloquent and convincing. Hating sin in every form, he was unflinching in his denunciation of wickedness and wrong-doing in whatsoever shape it presented itself, while to the weak, erring and penitent he was always ready to lend a helping hand and extend words of the tenderest sympathy and comfort.

To those who know him well and recognized his worth and evident sincerity, his presence was a benediction and a blessing, and when after four years of solid and effective service in the cause of the Master here, he was transferred to St. Paul's Church, of Baltimore, the grief of his congregation at parting with him was deep and abiding, while many connected with him only by the ties of friendship mourned his departure as much as they.

His progress in winning souls to Christ and hearts to himself was as rapid in Baltimore as it had been in this city, and when the call came for him to go to the Central Church, of Memphis, the grief of his congregation in Maryland was as strong and pervading as it had been here. Although a man of deep personal attachments, his devotion to the great work in which he is engaged is such that to the call of duty and the command of his superiors in the church he rendered implicit obedience, and sad as must have been the severance of so many tender ties he accepted the situation without a murmur and willingly went where he was directed to go.

The next quality to courage in the re-

quirements for a soldier is obedience, and as one enlisted under the banner of the cross, Mr. Hamner possesses both of these commendable traits of character in the highest degree. These, with his acknowledged ability and unaffected piety promise for him, should Providence spare his life, great usefulness and the highest honors his church can bestow. That his course will be watched with love and interest by many friends here, and that he will be attended through life by their prayers and blessings, it is needless to add.

## FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Full List of Officers Elected Last Night by That Body.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Samuel Gompers was elected president of the Federation of Labor by 18 votes over John McBride, his only opponent. The socialists voted for McBride. The full list of officers is: President, Samuel Gompers, of New York, of the International Cigar Makers Union, in place of John McBride, of Columbus, Ohio; first vice-president, Peter J. McGuire, of Philadelphia, of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, re-elected; second vice-president, James Dunan, of Baltimore, of the Granite Cutters National Union, re-elected; third vice-president, James O'Connell, of Chicago, International Association of Machinists, in place of R. Kennehan, of Denver, Col.; fourth vice-president, M. M. Garland, of Pittsburgh, Pa., of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, in place of Thomas J. Elderkin, of Chicago; treasurer, John B. Lerner, of New York, of the Journeymen Tailors Union, re-elected; secretary, Aug. McGrath, of the Typographical Union, re-elected.

## FIGHTING IN CUBA.

The Insurgents Stand Up But Are Always Under.

HAVANA, Dec. 14.—A fierce encounter has taken place on the Progreso farm, near Minas, a town situated on the railroad between Nuevitas and Puerto Principe, capital of the province of that name.

The dispatch from Puerto Principe says that seventy government guerrillas, commanded by Captain Broege, fought 400 insurgents, under the leadership of Rodriguez. "The guerrillas and the insurgents," the dispatch adds, "fought breast to breast."

The former lost Lieutenant Adret and thirty privates killed and had nine wounded. The insurgents lost Colonel Females, Lieutenant Espinosa and Reele and sixty-two men killed. The number of insurgents wounded is not known.

A band recently raided the Salome Ponce residence on the Soledad plantation, tied up the men, and outraged the wife and daughter of the planter. They also stole all the money available.

## Old Shipmerchant Dead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Levi Warren Houghton, an old shipping merchant, well known here and engaged in the foreign and California trade, is dead at his home in Bath, Maine, where he was born in 1815. In 1857 he and his three brothers succeeded their father in the shipping business, the latter having become the owner of one of the finest fleets of American vessels afloat. For nearly forty years the house maintained a fleet of about fourteen half rigged ships by building one ship a year, and carrying trade to New York, San Francisco, Antwerp, Liverpool and Chinese ports.

Opposed to the Retirement of Greenbacks.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 14.—Thomas G. Morrill, of Montana, chairman of the finance committee of bimetallic union, is in the city on his way East. Speaking on the financial question he referred to the President's message and said: "The recommendation of the President to retire greenbacks, if carried out, would be disastrous to the silver interest. The retiring of the national currency issued under the Sherman act, which has been the means for the recent heavy withdrawals from the Treasury, would mean that the bullion in the Treasury would be thrown upon the market, causing a decided decline in the price of silver."

## Trust Property Disposed of.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 14.—All the property of the Distilling and Cattle Feeding Company will be turned over to day to the American Spirits Company by deed of date of November 10 for a consideration of \$10 in fees. The deed states that it is made on confirmation, by order of the court of sale, made by Receiver McNulta to the reorganization committee. The property turned over consists of eighteen distilleries owned by the Distilling and Cattle Feeding Company.

## The Horse Fined \$500.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—An official dispatch from Jamaica states that the steamship Horra has been fined \$500 for carrying passengers not properly listed. The Horra is the vessel held at Philadelphia on the charge of carrying a filibustering party to Cuba. She was temporarily released, pending the hearing of the case. The fine is said to be \$10 for each passenger carried.

## Wilmington Owned by an Indian.

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 14.—Joseph Jester, a farmer, has received information that he is one of three heirs to over 300 acres of land lying in the heart of Wilmington, Del.

## Charlottesville Journals Merge.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Dec. 14.—The Daily Progress has purchased the Daily Chronicle and the latter paper has purchased the Weekly Progress.

## Big Lot of Gold to Go Out.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Estimates of shipments of gold leaving by Tuesday's steamer range up to \$4,000,000.

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## GILKESON &amp; CHILD,

HATTERS AND MEN'S FURNISHERS.

## HE SOARED DOWN.

The Sensations of a Man Who Fell With an Elevator.

"Did you ever fall down an elevator shaft?" asked a traveling man. The Dispatch man confessed that he had been denied this experience, and his interrogator continued: "Well, I have, and I tell you it's one of the greatest sensations one can imagine. I've always been a fellow that had a fear of falling, and I used to get dizzy whenever I went on monuments or any high places, but now I can't get anything too high for me."

"I was up in Portland, Or., once and stopped at a good hotel—that is, the prices were the regular thing, and I looked for comfort and had no desire to walk up three flights of stairs. I was on the fourth floor, and when I started to go up stairs the porter said, 'Yo' bettah not pull dat rope, boss, foh dat yelevehator's bruk, and de las man what monkey wid it is in de 'morgency ward now.' I listened to him, but when I came to the hotel that night I was dead tired, and, to tell the truth, I had been surveying the town casually and was feeling what the boys call 'good.' I got on the elevator and pulled the rope. You've been on fast elevators maybe, but you weren't ever on anything like this. Why, we hit the roof in a second, and I was thrown down on the floor of the elevator and almost stunned. I picked myself up and tried to run it down, but it wouldn't budge. The people in the hotel heard the racket, and the porter who had warned me came to the floor below and shouted to me to keep still, and he would fix things. You see, I was away up there where the elevator isn't made to go, and I couldn't open the door to get out."

"The porter said, 'H'ist do rope; don't pull too hard.' I did as he directed, and suddenly something let go, and we went down. Do you know, I never had such a feeling in my existence. It seemed as if I had discovered the way to fly and was soaring along in the clouds. I had no fear, and even wondered how the bump would go. But it was as if I were somebody else, and I thought it was an hour before I struck the bottom. When I came to, I was in my room, with about 50 people around, and I could hear somebody saying, 'See if the fall stopped his watch.' In an hour I was on my feet, and the doctor said I was all right. When I got on an elevator, I never monkey with the works now."—Columbus Dispatch.

## Luminous Animals.

Deep down in the water those peculiar zoophytes, the umbellula, rear their slender stems, surmounted by a group of polyps, superficially resembling the lily anemones of a bygone age. In the middle of the eighteenth century a fine species was observed and described, but the specimens were lost, and then for 100 years no more was heard or seen of the genus, till it was again brought to light by the Swedish frigates Ingeger and Gladan. Soon afterward the Challenger raised the number of known species to half a score. One of these was fished up from a depth of more than 2,000 fathoms, between Cape St. Vincent and Madeira, and "when taken from the trawl the polyps and the membrane covering the hard axis of the stem were so brightly phosphorescent that Captain Maclear found it easy to determine the character of the light by the spectroscopic."

It will perhaps be encouraging to those naturalists who are too easily disheartened by failures and mistakes to learn that the celebrated Father Zeech in the first instance decisively affirmed that the phosphorescent light of animals, viewed by the spectroscopic, was monochromatic, whereas in 1872 he was able to determine just the contrary. He then found, by means of improved instruments, that the spectrum was sensibly continuous, not one colored, but compound, with the red and the violet clearly distinguishable. — Blackwood's Magazine.

## The Whistling Language of Gomer.

M. J. Lajard, who has been investigating the much talked of whistling language of the island of Gomer, one of the Canaries, has come to the conclusion that it is really the Spanish language intensified by whistling. When speaking, the Gomerian puts his fingers in his mouth by twos or fours and blows with might and main. The result is a mixture of words and screeching whistles wholly unintelligible to the tyro. After but little acquaintance with this queer language, however, one can easily distinguish the words and understand the meaning of the whistlers.—St. Louis Republic.

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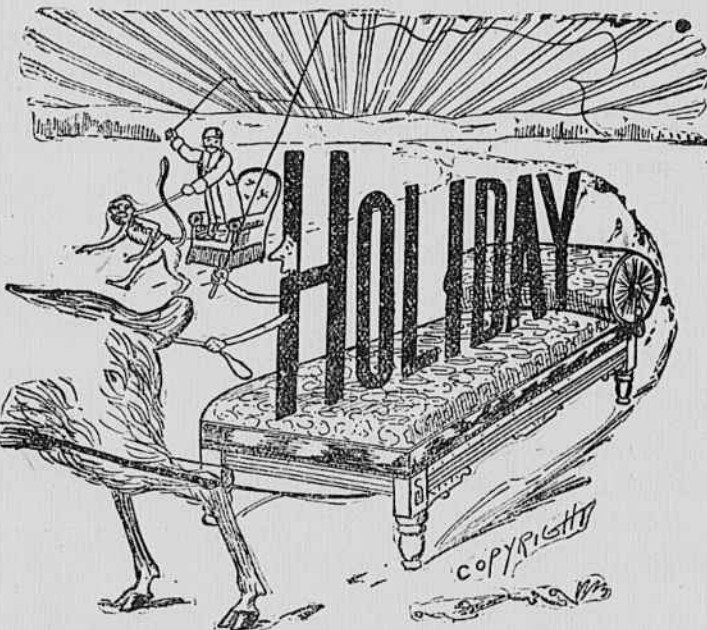
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